

## **Gospel for February 7, 2021 - lesson for 4th-6th grade**

Read the below Gospel slowly listening for words or phrases that catch your attention. Read it again then think about the answers to the first couple questions. Read it again and think about the answers to the next couple questions. Continue to re-read the Gospel and think about possible answers. Do you think you get a deeper understanding by re-reading the story multiple times? Do you find yourself focusing on different parts? What word(s) or phrase(s) stood out to you?

### **Mark 1:29-39**

#### **Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

#### **A Preaching Tour in Galilee**

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

#### **Jesus reaches out to people in healing and inward to God in prayer.**

- ◆ In today's gospel Jesus generously pours out his healing power, but also takes time away from the crowds to be with God in prayer.
- ◆ We explore Jesus' roles as a teacher, healer and person of prayer.
- ◆ If you didn't know Jesus, what would you learn about him from this reading?
- ◆ How important to Jesus was healing? How do we know?
- ◆ How important to Jesus was teaching? How do we know?
- ◆ How important to Jesus was being alone with God in prayer? How do we know?
- ◆ How can we teach like Jesus? pray like Jesus? heal like Jesus?
- ◆ Who do you know who teaches? Who do you know who prays? Who do you know who heals?
- ◆ Why didn't Jesus want to go back when everyone was searching for him?